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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: OFFER OF MEDICAL SERVICES

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
SENATOR ROBERT DOLE ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER:
QUOTE SEVERAL WICHITA, KANSAS PHYSICIANS HAVE CONTACTED
ME OFFERING THEIR SERVICES AS PART OF OUR EMERGENCY
ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IN GUATEMALA. THEY ARE PREPARED TO
GO TO GUATEMALA TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
TO VICTIMS OF THAT NATION'S RECENT EARTHQUAKES. REQUEST
THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FACILI-
TIES AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO THESE WILLING VOLUNTEERS.
PLEASE CONTACT DR. JAMES M. DONNELL IN WICHITA AT (316)
722-3932. BOB DOLE, UNITED STATES SENATE UNQUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT HAS CONTACTED DR. DONNELL AND INFORMED HIM
WE WOULD PASS ON THIS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY. WE
TOLD HIM THAT GUATEMALA'S MAIN NEED RIGHT NOW WAS TO
PROPERLY ORGANIZE AND UTILIZE MEDICAL TALENT PRESENTLY
AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THERE MIGHT WELL BE NEED FOR
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE AND IF SO WE MIGHT CALL

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ON HIS SERVICES. DR. DONNELL SAID HE COULD PROVIDE 20-30

DOCTORS FOR A WEEK, TO BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER 20-30 IF
NEEDED. WOULD APPRECIATE DEFINITIVE STATEMENT FROM
EMBASSY ABOUT NEEDS FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR HANDLING
SIMILAR PUBLIC OFFERS. SISCO

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